Social Studies Education (Ph.D.)

The Social Studies Education Graduate Program at The University of Texas at Austin offers a program leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in social studies education. This program provides coursework leading to an advanced degree for individuals who are interested in social studies teaching, service, research, and/or leadership. Individuals who seek a degree in social studies education have the opportunity to develop a rich theoretical background and acquire research skills related to the teaching and learning of the social studies.

I. General Requirements (Minimum: 21 hours)

With the approval of the program adviser, courses other than those listed below may be used to satisfy requirements.

A. Learning and Instructional Theory (3 hours minimum)

EDC 383T Instructional Theory
EDC 381M Designs for Instruction
EDC 385G Learning Theory: Instructional Implications

B. Curriculum Theory and Development (3 hours minimum)

EDC 383N Curriculum Theory
EDC 381J Curriculum Organization

C. Cultural Foundations (3 hours minimum)

EDC 385H Introduction to Multicultural Education
EDC 385G Advanced Multicultural Education
EDC 380G Anthropology of Education
EDC 385G Race and Ethnic Relations in Schools
EDC 385G Foundations of Curriculum Decisions
EDC 385K General Foundations of Education
EDC 392L Philosophical Foundations of Education

D. Research Methodology (12 hours minimum)

Foundations of Inquiry (3 hours required)
EDC 385G Introduction to Systems of Inquiry
EDP 382 Philosophy of Social Science

Intro to Quantitative Research Methods (3 hours minimum)
EDP 371 Introduction to Statistics
EDC 684PA  Research Design and Analysis I  
EDP 380E  Fundamentals of Statistics  
EDA 381P  Quantitative Research Design and Analysis  

Intro to Qualitative Research Methods (3 hours)
EDC 385G  Qualitative Research in Educational Settings  
EDP 384  Qualitative Research Methods  
EDA 381Q  Qualitative Research Methods  

Advanced Qualitative OR Quantitative Research (3 hours)

Qualitative:
EDC 385G  Advanced Qualitative Research Methods  
EDC 385H  Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Methods  
EDC 385G  Case Study Research  
ANT 381K  Topics in Anthropological Methodology  
HIS 397K  Historiography  
HIS 395  Bibliography and Methods in Historical Research  
SOC 388K  Field and Observational Methods  
SOC 388L  Historical and Comparative Methods  
EDC 385G  Oral History Methods  

Quantitative:
EDC 684PB  Research Design and Analysis II  
EDP 380P  Evaluation Models and Techniques  
EDP 380P  Measurement and Evaluation  
EDP 382K  Correlation and Regression  
EDP 382K  Survey of Multivariate Methods  
EDP 382K  Factor Analysis  
EDP 382  Introduction to Survey Research  

II. Directed Research (Minimum: 12 hours)
EDC 396T can be taken more than once for credit.  
EDC 396T  Directed Research  
EDC 396  Doctoral Seminar (required)  

Select one of the following: (meets requirement for EDC 396T)
EDC 385G  History of the Social Studies (TBA)  
EDC 385G  Inquiry in the Social Sciences/Middle Grades  
EDC 385G  Advanced Multicultural Education  
EDC385G  Curriculum History
III. Specialization (Minimum: 18 hours)

EDC 382E  Teaching Elementary School Subjects: Social Studies
EDC 385G  Elementary School Curriculum
EDC 382M  Teaching Middle Grades School Subjects: Social Studies (TBA)
EDC 385G  Middle Grades Curriculum (TBA)
EDC 382S  Teaching Secondary School Subjects: Social Studies
EDC 385G  Secondary School Curriculum

EDC 385G  History of the Social Studies (TBA)
EDC 385G  Inquiry in the Social Sciences/Middle Grades
EDC 385G  Advanced Multicultural Education
EDC 385G  Literature and the Humanities in Social Education
EDC 385G  Critical Issues in Social Studies
EDC 385G  The Culture of the Imagination: Philanthropy and Education

Advanced courses in the social sciences.

Other courses may satisfy the specialization requirement with the permission of the program advisor.

IV. Courses in other Department (Minimum: 6 hours)

Additional courses are recommended in a social science content area.

V. Dissertation (Minimum 6 hours)

Total Minimum: 57 hours (not including dissertation)

Area Faculty:

Sherry L. Field, Ph.D.
Cinthia S. Salinas, Ph.D.
Mary Lee Webeck, Ph.D.

Affiliated Faculty:

O.L. Davis, Jr.